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SUBJECT: IECO

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1. AMBASSADOR ELIOT MET WITH PIKE AND RUFF SEPTEMBER 17 AND MADE POINTS CITED REFTEL. ACCORDING PIKE, SOLE BLAME FOR COST OVERRUN ATTRIBUTED WESTINGHOUSE AND GOA NOT REPEAT NOT RESPONSIBLE. IECO ANTICIPATES LEGAL BATTLE IN US WITH WESTINGHOUSE. IECO ESTIMATED COST OVERRUN COULD REACH DOLS 2 MILLION.
2. IECO REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSED THEIR INTEREST IN KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT WITH AMBASSADOR.
3. RUFF WILL PRESENT PLAN FOR GAS REDUCTION IRON ORE PRODUCTION PLANT TO GOA.
4. REPRESENTATIVES ALSO MENTIONED THAT IECO WILL BE DOING WORK ON POWER DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN HELMAND, UTILIZING BULGARIAN FUNDS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO GOA.
5. PIKE WAS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY TO EMBASSY FOR ITS

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